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A Focus on Professional Standard #9

Members are reminded of the newest and critically important Professional Standard to which all educators are held.

"Educators value and respect the history of First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada and the impact of the past on the present and future. Educators contribute towards truth, reconciliation and healing. Educators foster a deeper understanding of ways of knowing and being, histories and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Educators critically examine their own biases, attitudes, beliefs, values and practices to facilitate change. Educators value and respect the languages, heritages, cultures and ways of knowing and being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Educators understand the power of focusing on connectedness and relationships to oneself, family, community and the natural world. Educators integrate First Nations, Inuit and Métis worldviews and perspectives into learning environments."

Members are strongly encouraged to engage actively with this Professional Standard, and to encourage and support the teachers in your school site to do the same.

This [short video](#) speaks to the importance of this Standard.

If members find themselves in a situation where a complaint has been filed against them alleging a breach of the Professional Standards, they are encouraged to contact the MSS team at BCPVPA for support.